

ANTICS.

Augustus was a youth of noble mien,—
Sophronia, fairest maiden ever seen.
He in the city reared, 'mid bricks and mortar—
She in the country born—a farmer's daughter.

They loved, and loved each other passing well;
And each would of devotion's story tell
As they, two happy hearts, went wand'ring through
The mazy forest, seeking prospects new.

One day, while straying thus, on pleasure bent,
They reached a shady nook, where, well content,
They sat them down to rest, on grassy mound,
Beneath a stalwart oak with verdure crowned.

Dame Nature's music, rippling sweet and low
Upon the zephyrs breathing to and fro,
Touched tender cords within their throbbing hearts,
Set all aglow by prick of Cupid's darts.

"Sophronia, dost thou love me?" murmured he;
"You bet your life I do," responded she.
But as she spoke a sudden thrill of pain
Shot through her lover's heart and every vein.

He winced, grew pale. "Augustus, are you faint?"
Sophronia queried, while a fond restraint
She threw about his neck ('twas but an arm),
As if to shelter him from threatened harm.

"I—I don't know," he faltered, growing white;
"There's something wrong—I can't explain it quite—
I feel it crawling, creeping o'er my knee."
"Don't mind it," said the fair one, "'tis a flea."

"No! no!" he cried, in accents full of fear,
"I have no fleas, and none are harbored here."
"Tis something with a thousand pair of jaws,
All striving hard to fill their horrid maws."

Sophronia bent to kiss her lover's cheek,
But ere her task accomplished gave a shriek
That awakened startled echoes from their rest,
And kindled terror in her lover's breast.

"Oh—well! oh! ouch! I'm eaten up alive,"
She cried, till strength with fear no more could strive;
Then sobbed, "My dress—Augustus, and your pants—
Good Lord! we're sitting on a nest of ants!"

'E'en so it proved. The mound where rest was sought
Had been by Nature's little workers wrought,
And they who rested there in love's delight
For one brief season learned how ants can bite.

A BROKER'S MISTAKE.

The following story is told of Francis Drexel, the father of the well-known Philadelphia bankers. Soon after the close of the war with Mexico many Spanish and Mexican silver dollars found their way into the United States, and were bought up by the bankers and money dealers all over the country. The price paid for them varied greatly, according to the demand and supply and the condition of the pieces themselves. At the close of a rainy day, during which Mr. Drexel—then doing a very modest business on Third street, Philadelphia, as a money and exchange broker—had been a large buyer of Mexican silver, and while he was engaged in recounting his purchases preparatory to settling his cash account, the door of his banking house was suddenly opened by a plainly dressed man, who exclaimed: "I only have one hundred left; do you want them?"

Mr. Drexel, without raising his head, replied: "I'll give you fifty cents for them."

"No," said the man, "I've sold all the others at seventy-five cents, and only a hundred left."

Mr. Drexel replied: "I have bought them all day at sixty cents, and if yours have no holes in them I will take them at the same price, and that is the most you can get for them."

"I never saw any with holes in them," said the man.

"Didn't you?" said Mr. Drexel. "Half of what we get are full of holes, where they have been used as buttons."

The man scratched his head a moment, and then said: "Very well; I'll bring them in right away."

Five minutes afterward he appeared with a small tin kettle, and walking up to the counter, said: "Where shall I put them?"

"Pour them out here," said Mr. Drexel, indicating a particular spot on the counter.

"I can't," said the seller, "they will slip off on the floor."

Mr. Drexel, without withdrawing his attention from the counting of his purchases of the day, called to his son Frank to "bring a tray." When the tray was brought, it was found to have a large crack across it, to which the man strenuously objected, saying: "They will all fall through." This nettled old Mr. Drexel, who, in rather sharp words, told him, "That tray has held thousands and thousands of them every day," and furthermore, in peremptory terms, bade him "pour them out, quick."

Accordingly, the kettle was raised to the level of the counter, and one hundred flat, raw oysters were poured into the cracked tray, much to the chagrin and disgust of the banker and his son, the former of whom exclaimed, "Why, those are oysters!"

"Well," said the oysterman (who knew nothing of Mexican silver), "what the d— did you think they were?"

During a course of lectures on "Grammar," the sentence, "Mary milks the cow," was given out to the class to be parsed. Each word had been parsed save one, which fell to Bob L—, a sixteen-year-old, near the foot of the class, who commenced thus: "Cow is a noun, feminine gender, singular number, third person, and stands for Mary." "Stands for Mary!" said the excited professor. "How do you make that out?" "Because," answered the noble pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could Mary milk her?"—*Harper's Magazine.*

In the Sandwich Islands the natives are excellent barbers, but know, or did know, nothing of wigs. A man from England went into a Kanaka barber's shop to get shaved, and after the shave the barber, as a matter of course, proceeded to shampoo the customer. The customer had dropped asleep in the chair and didn't notice what was up, and when the barber started in on the shampoo and the customer's wig came off in the poor fellow's hands, leaving a perfectly bald head, he thought he had yanked the man's scalp off, and with a howl of terror fled. And his assistants fled also and stayed in the woods a week, not daring to take the responsibility of their awful deed.—*Boston Post.*

A dying Irishman was asked by his confessor if he was ready to renounce the devil and all his works. "Oh, your honor," said Pat, "don't ask me that; I am going to a strange country, and I don't intend to make myself enemies."

Reunion Notes—continued from 5th page.

THE Soldiers' Reunion held at Cincinnati, O., last week is said to have been a great disappointment. Rain fell steadily on the 15th, and completely drowned out all the general exercises. A number of interesting regimental and brigade Reunions were held, and the Mexican veterans held a business meeting and re-elected their officers.

The veteran soldiers' parade moved at twelve o'clock, and in spite of the muddy streets and the fact that it had been announced that no parade would be made, was of considerable magnitude. It was headed by a detachment of police, then followed Marietta battery Ohio National Guards, the First regiment of Ohio National Guards, then Mexican veterans, and then the skeletons of regiments of the soldiers of the late war. They were in citizen's dress, wearing only badges to indicate their regiment or corps. They bore no arms, of course, but at close intervals they carried the tattered battle-flags which had been borne by them through the war.

The line of march required nearly two hours, and the streets were covered with soft mud. There was no means of giving full notice of the time the procession would start, or that it would start at all, still the word was passed from one to another and a procession was formed which, marching four abreast at a good swinging gait, required thirty-five minutes to pass. Everywhere the streets were lined with sympathetic and cheering multitudes. Ladies, often with tearful eyes, waved welcome to the survivors of the war. The veterans responded with cheers as they passed, but talking in the ranks was the rule. Just before reaching the point for disbanding Gov. Foster and staff on horseback reviewed the procession. It was two o'clock when the procession disbanded, and this practically closed the Reunion. It was not as successful as anticipated. The rain is responsible for a good deal of disappointment, but there was more lethargy among the citizens than should have existed, which had a tendency to weaken the hands of the managers.

AMONG the many regiments and companies which held their Reunions at Cincinnati, were the following:

SECOND OHIO INFANTRY ASSOCIATION.

This Association was formed in 1877, out of the survivors of the "Old Second," one of Cincinnati's prides, Colonel Len A. Harris commanding. This regiment was organized at Camp Dennison, and took the field in September, 1861, moving across the Ohio back of Covington, organizing and establishing camp King. Many of her bravest officers were from Cincinnati, among whom we might mention Captain James Warnock, Captain Harrell (killed at Perryville, Ky., October 8, 1862), Captain Fottrell, Harrell's successor, killed at Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864; Lieutenant Gus Fisher, Major B. F. Miller, Surgeon of the regiment, Ira A. Bird, Quartermaster, and a host of Cincinnati's best men. The Old Veterans elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: President, Major James H. Sarraat, Steubenville; Vice-President, Captain Milton H. McCoy, Pickaway; Secretary, S. B. Porter, Columbus; Treasurer, W. S. Randall, Goshen; Executive Committee, H. D. Worthington, J. H. Sarraat, Joseph Elliott, W. H. Brady, Thomas Brown, all of Jefferson county.

It was agreed to hold the next Reunion at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1881.

TWENTY-SIXTH KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS.

At a meeting of the officers and soldiers of the Twenty-sixth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, held in the lobby of the Hotel Emery, September 15, 1881, R. E. Hackett, Lieutenant-Colonel, was called to the chair, and S. D. Brown, Adjutant, was made Secretary. Steps were then taken toward forming a permanent association.

TWELFTH OHIO.

At a meeting of forty surviving members of the Twelfth Regiment O. V. I., held in room No. 5, Hamilton county court-house, a permanent organization was effected, and the following officers elected: President, Lloyd Stockman; Vice-President, Samuel Yeaton; Secretary and Treasurer, George A. Stivers; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. D. Nesbit.

The society will hold its first Reunion at Morrow, Warren county, Ohio, September 14, 1882.

FIFTY-NINTH OHIO.

The Fifty-ninth Ohio held quite an interesting reunion at their headquarters at the Bellevue House yesterday morning, some forty members of the regiment participating. Officers of the organization present were Dr. A. B. McKee, President; L. S. Molen, Secretary. The place selected for the next annual Reunion is Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio. Officers elected for ensuing year: Major R. J. Vanosold, President; Captain Wm. Johnson, Vice President; Mack Frazier, Secretary; Piner Hill, Treasurer; and Leroy Frazier, Marshal. Post-office address of President and Secretary, Bethel, Ohio.

A PLEASANT INCIDENT.

General N. A. M. Dudley, U. S. A., formerly of the Nineteenth Corps, was met at Faneuil Hall, Boston, Monday forenoon, September 5, by some 600 of his former military associates, including General Banks and many other prominent officers, who, after a warm greeting, formed a procession and marched to Raine's Wharf, where a boat was taken for Downer's Landing. Governor Long and other invited guests joined the company there, where a dinner, speech-making, and the presentation of a gold corps badge by the surviving members of his old command were the features of the occasion.

A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

If for a stomach ache you tache
Each time some whiskey, it will break
You down and meak you shake and quache,
And you will see a horrid nache.

Much whiskey doth your wits beguile,
Your breath defile, yourself make vile;
You lose your style, likewise your pyle,
If you are whyle too often smuile.

But should there be, like now, a drought,
When water and your strength gives ought,
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—H. C. Dodge in *Norristown Herald.*

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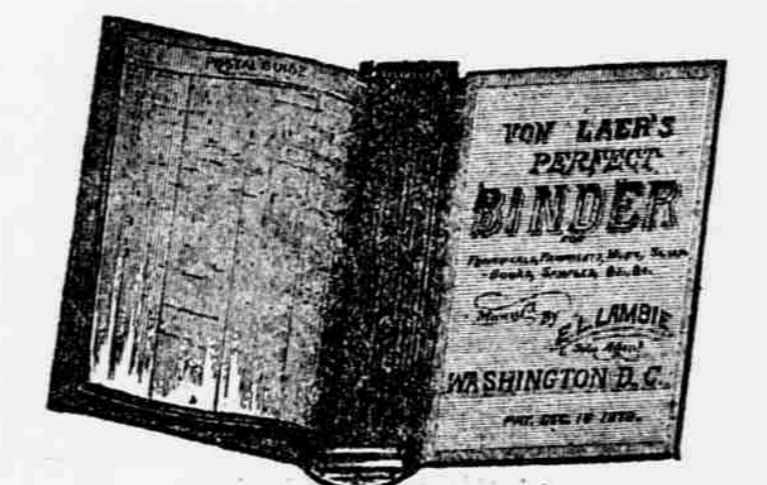
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T. M. ST. PAUL, MINN.—Yes; Quartermaster-General Meigs was in office during the entire war of the rebellion and is Q. M. General now. We do not know his exact age, but believe it is about sixty-five.

G. B. EASTON, PA.—If you wish to take out a patent, send advertisement on last page of this paper.

W. W. LANCASTER, PA.—A party purchasing a soldier's discharge cannot secure an allowance or privilege thereon; the discharge cannot be made available in obtaining land from the Government.

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R. S. SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The law provides that every officer, soldier, sailor, and marine who, in the line of duty in the military or naval service of the United States shall have lost a limb, or sustained bodily injuries depriving him of the use of any of his limbs, shall receive once every five years an artificial limb or appliance, or commutation therefor. Application should be made to the Surgeon-General of the Army in this city.

C. D. CAIRO, ILL.—The mother of a deceased soldier, in order to obtain a pension, must prove that she was wholly or in part dependent upon him for support at the date of his death, and that he left neither widow nor minor child surviving him.

G. K. KANSAS CITY, MO.—If the widow, who has filed her claim for arrears of pension and since died, left minor children surviving her, they can receive the arrears through their legally-appointed guardian, but no other heirs can inherit the allowance. This is Commissioner Bentley's ruling.

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K. V. M. PITTSFIELD, MASS.—The widow is entitled to arrears of pension from the date of her husband's discharge up to the date from which he commenced to draw, provided he was disabled in a pensionable degree during said period.

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